

Red Tape Halts Retraining of Maimed Heroes

Men Forced to Wait Weeks and Months for Checks From Compensation Board Before Entering Schools

Red Cross Powerless

Soldiers, Shattered by War, Say Present Law Acts as Injustice Against Them

A technicality in the vocational rehabilitation Act is temporarily disabling hundreds of disabled former soldiers from vocational training, according to officials of the Red Cross.

The Smith-Seares bill, which became the vocational rehabilitation act when signed by the President on June 27, 1918, provides for "vocational rehabilitation and return to civil employment of disabled persons discharged from the military or naval forces of the United States, and for other purposes." An initial appropriation of \$2,000,000 with which to carry on this work was made and approved as part of the act. The civil sundries bill provides for the appropriation of \$4,000,000 additional.

In Section 2 the stipulation is made that "every person who is disabled, under circumstances entitling him, after discharge from the military or naval forces of the United States, is entitled to compensation under Article III of the act entitled 'an act to authorize the establishment of a Bureau of War Risk Insurance in the Treasury Department.'"

Must Get First Check

Henry Braxton, of the Red Cross Institute for Cripple Men, 311 Fourth Avenue, and officials of the Federal Board for Vocational Education, at 400 Fifth Avenue, declared that under the literal interpretation of this section no soldier is eligible for training until he has received his first compensation or pension money from the War Risk Insurance Bureau.

Between the time of a soldier's discharge from the hospital and the receipt of his first check no provision is made by the government for his maintenance. It was said at the offices of the board. This period was described as "varying from twenty-four hours to months."

A hero of the Argonne, his left hand shattered by a piece of shrapnel, declared yesterday that this procedure is "taking the heart out of me and driving me to suicide." He declared that he has been waiting for almost a month for his first compensation, struggling along on slender finances, waiting to be admitted to one of the numerous schools used by the government for the retraining of disabled men.

Of four soldiers in the outer office of the board three had been waiting more than three weeks for their initial check, while one, discharged fifteen days ago, has also been overlooked to date.

Suffer During Delay

A former corporal of the 9th Infantry of the heroic Second Division and a veteran of Chateau Thierry, three times wounded and deprived of his normal speech by a machine gun bullet wound in the mouth, registered for admission to training school, and started in search of a position to support him until the receipt of his first payment from the government.

"There don't seem to be any jobs here," he said, haltingly. "They want only men with trades. I was a salesman," he laughed and fingered his scarred face "but talking comes awfully hard now. I suppose that I will get into a school when I get my first

check, but my family waited for months for their allotment, and I think it's a case of hustling or starving."

Since September 10, 1918, when the board was first opened, 13,826 discharged disabled soldiers have been interviewed. Of this number 867 have been approved for training, while only 356 have been placed in schools. A total of 846 men have found positions for themselves, under the supervision of the Federal Board. The remaining 11,757 discharged heroes are either awaiting their compensation or awaiting positions from the placement bureau of the board.

Maryland Labor Forms A Political League

Non-Partisan Body Will Make Reports on Candidates For Public Office

BALTIMORE, April 18.—The formation of a non-partisan political league by the Maryland and District of Columbia Federation of Labor was announced at the close of the annual convention of the federation at Lonaconing, Md., last night.

The purpose of the league, it was stated, is the investigation of all candidates for public office in Maryland as to their attitude on all questions affecting the public good as well as on matters pertaining directly to labor. John H. Ferguson, of Baltimore, retraining president of the labor federation, was elected president of the league.



"Moneyback, any time, if you want it," is music to the ear of any man who buys in record time—especially the day before Easter.

No time for tailors. No time for looking round.

Must have a cutaway or a new Spring suit.

In a pinch turn to us—and as quickly turn from "pinch" to "cinch."

We "make to fit," not "to measure."

Easter neckwear. Gloves. Silk hats. Canes. Every Easter Elegance.

For fear of an Easterly wind—a light weight overcoat. Useful all Summer long.

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Broadway at 13th St. "Four Convenient Corners" Fifth Ave. at 41st St. Broadway at Warren

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Saks & Company

In the Heart of New York—Direct by Subway, Tube and "L"

at 34th St.

We have arranged for Today.

A Special Sale of Women's Capes, Coats and Dolman Wraps

of character and distinction

At \$22.50, \$28, \$38, \$45



A splendid opportunity to select a beautiful wrap or coat at much below regular prices. The styles are all exact reproductions of models heretofore shown only at very much higher prices, tailored according to a very high standard in the most successful Spring materials:

Tricotine, satin, gabardine, Poirer twill, serge, silvertone, duvet de laine and velour de laine.

Sizes 34 to 46, and in some models sizes for those requiring to 50½ bust. Two styles pictured.

At Saks Today—A New

Organdie Frock for Girls

in sizes 12 to 16 years

Special at \$10.75



Orchid, light blue, sunset, or pink

Girls' Capes of Rare Charm

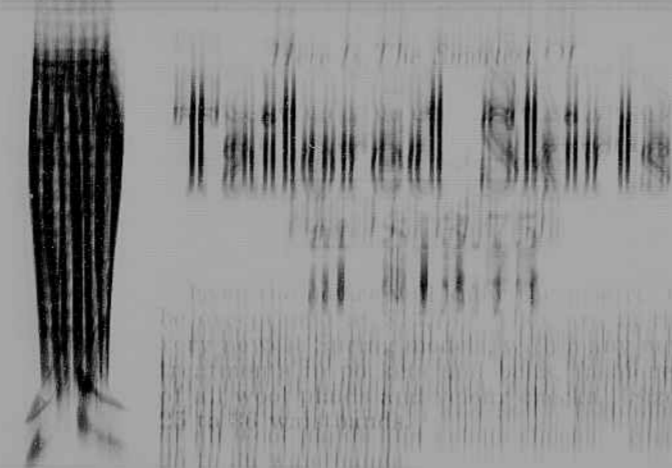
one pictured at right

Today at \$12.75

Stunning, full flare model with vestee front and smart shawl collar. Developed in excellent quality men's wear serge, with overcollar of silk. Sizes 12 to 16 years.

Youthful Capes for Girls at \$9.75

Exceptional values. Cut in the very latest model and custom effects as breathing life to the summer girl. Full lined of men's wear serge—the kind that never fails to give good service. Sizes 6 to 16 years. Second Floor.



A Rare Opportunity!

Women's Man-Tailored Frocks

Formerly \$25 and \$29.50

Reduced to

\$15

The remaining stock of a leading New York dressmaker, together with the very same models from regular stock that have been selling at \$25 and \$29.50.

The selection of styles comprises smart straight line models, tastefully embroidered; dainty tunic frocks, and button-back styles with hand-made buttonholes and braid trimming.

The colors: tan, navy blue and black. Sizes 34 to 44.



Only The Very Newest Creations are shown today in a

Special Presentation of

\$5.25 Wonder Hats

—"the best values in trimmed millinery ever presented in America"

"Straw and fabric hats," says Paris, so we have assembled for this Special Easter exhibit a very choice collection of the smartest of hats developed in those materials. The selection includes:

Dainty taffeta hats with touches of straw, smart ostrich trimmed hats, others of Georgette crepe with straw crowns, and a host of solid color hats, in soft pastel shades, navy blue and black.

The style illustrated is a reproduction of a high-priced imported model. Unprecedented at \$5.95!

Summer Furs are an accepted vogue

Here are seven beautiful fur pieces, each highly individual in its clever lines, priced very low for Saturday.

One-Skin Fisher Scarfs.....	\$95 up
One-Skin Hudson Bay Sable Scarfs.....	\$67.50 up
Two-Skin Hudson Bay Sable Scarfs.....	\$125 up
Handsome Mole Stole—2 yards long.....	\$67.50
Beautiful Mink Scarf in animal effect.....	\$50.00
Fox Scarfs in double fur effect or satin lined.....	\$48.50
Exquisite Wolf Scarfs, in taupe, Poirer or Kamchatka	\$35.00

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Women's Umbrellas

Marked for prompt disposal

at \$1.95

This American Tailor's Umbrella is the best value in the market. It is made of the finest materials and is guaranteed to last for years. It is the only umbrella that is worth the price. It is the only umbrella that is worth the price. It is the only umbrella that is worth the price.

Paris Has Shown None More Distinctive—

Misses' Tailleur Suits

Special at \$35

Suits truly expressive of youth, in the most distinctive Box Coat, Russian Blouse, Straight Line, Ripple and Peplum effects.

Among many distinctive features are the trimmings of pinched tucks, the corded belts, and Gilets in contrasting colors.

The Materials:

Imported Tweeds, Fine Serges, Wool Jersey, Silvertone, Frost Glow and Worsted Checks. Sizes 14 to 18 years. One style pictured.



Clever Frocks for Misses at \$25

Exact reproductions of higher priced models

Softly draped, tunic, ruffled and straight line frocks, beautifully fashioned of rich Chiffon Taffeta, Georgette Crepe, Lustrous Satin, and Figured Foulards, with touches of Chenille embroidery, pin tucks, and fluting. Sizes 14 to 18 years.

One style pictured.



Misses' Capes, Wrap Coats and Sport Coats

in a very special offering Saturday

At \$22.50 to \$39.50

Unusually charming Wraps and Coats, revealing many exclusive style features in pockets, collars and trimmings. More winsome models are not to be had, and the careful needlework of each coat is exceptional, to say the least. Developed in

Wool Velour, Silvertone and Fine Serges full lined with plain or novelty silks. Sizes 14 to 18. Misses' Dept., Second Floor

Beginning This Morning—A Very Special Sale of Boys' Suits

With Extra Pair Knickers

Special at \$12.75

Cut in the very successful waist-line model, with detachable belt. Splendidly tailored, and may be had in a variety of serviceable mixtures. Sizes 8 to 18 years. Illustrated.

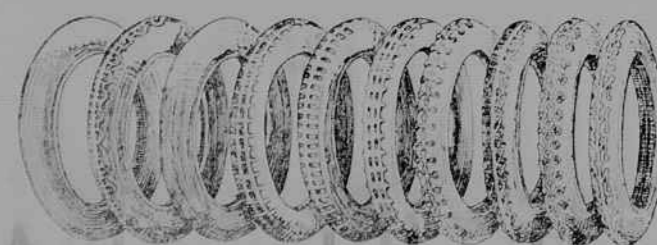


Smart Serge Suits for Boys Today at \$16.75

Tailored in real boyish and young mannish models, in fine quality all-wool serge. Sizes 8 to 18 years. Second Floor.

Gimbel Brothers

32nd ST - BROADWAY - 33rd ST



Automobile Tires

At About 1/3 Below List Price

An additional lot of Balavias and Napier's just received and now at this low price!

Keystone—Balavias

and Pirelli—Fully Guaranteed

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